

The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the jail was the cold, biting wind. It felt like a thousand hands reaching out to grab me. I shivered, my teeth chattering. The guard, a grumpy old man with a weathered face, handed me a thin coat. "You'll need this," he said, his voice grating. I nodded, grateful for the extra layer. The walk to the gate was silent, the only sounds being the crunch of my boots on the gravel and the distant howl of a wolf. The gate opened, revealing a vast, open landscape. The sun was low on the horizon, painting the sky in shades of orange and red. I took a deep breath, the cold air filling my lungs. It felt like a new beginning.

THE DAILY NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1878.
NORTH CAROLINA.

Quarantine balls are fashionable in Charlotte and Wilmington.

Rocky Mount has a full fledged Cavalry Corps in lively operation.

Katie Putnam has postponed her trip to Charlotte to the 21st, 22d and 23d inst.

The local option law went into effect in Marion, McDowell county, January 1st.

The Sumner House at Statesville has been sold to Mr. Jackson, of Cleveland county.

The prisoners in Richmond county have found within their prison walls a veritable ghost.

Mr. N. B. Bly, the man of the paper, has arrived in Wilmington, on a coast journey to Florida.

The Newbern *Not Shell* has been selling the gambler's of that city, and has succeeded in breaking up a hell.

The Greenville *Register* is of an old negro, 90 years, in Pitt county, that is as active and can do as much work as a young man.

Captain Haywood, Clerk of Tarboro, has been appointed conductor of the Tarboro branch railroad, vice E. W. Whitehead.

Capt. A. J. Hines, of Wilson, was married on Thursday to Miss Eliza, daughter of Hon. Thos. S. Ashe, of Wadesboro, in the latter place.

They are very accommodating to prisoners in the New Hanover county jail—take them out to saloons to take a drink, the prisoner, of course, will take the treating.

The Daily *Anti-Sell*, published by Hill & Pittman, at Newbern, is a new candidate for public favor. It is a new and well gotten up sheet. We wish it success.

Tolson, on the Wilmington &eldon railroad, is the most rapidly growing little town in the State. The first lot sold there in 1873, and there are now in the place some twelve or fourteen stores and a population numbering between three and four hundred.

There will be a grand mass meeting of the fire companies of the State in the city of Charlotte, February 17th, to take into consideration means and ways for celebrating the approaching centennial in that city.

All white fire companies are requested to send delegates.

Says the Wilmington Journal: "Four men from Company M, of the 2d U. S. Artillery, now stationed at Smithville, were brought to this city yesterday and lodged in the city of Charlotte. The charge against them is that of leaving their posts without permission, and they are to be taken up to Raleigh to-day, where we presume that they will be tried for the offence before a military tribunal."

The Franklin *Courier* also comes to the front with an article on good farming. Here is its say: "Mr. J. K. Spencer, of this county, raised last year on four acres of land, weighing on an average 420 lbs, also 41 barrels corn on 6 acres."

He made also 4,000 pounds oats, and out and saved 4,000 pounds hay. We challenge the county to beat him. Six years ago when he moved to the plantation upon which he now lives, the first year he only made 100 pounds of cotton. He has improved his land every year, until he has made it one of the best and most productive farms in the county."

What Next—And Next!

President Grant having virtually conceded in his message that the late military interference with the Louisiana Legislature has no legal justification, apologizing for it on the ground that soldiers are not lawyers, and that neither he nor Gen. Sheridan was then in immediate direction of the Federal troops, the question arises as to what steps should be taken to undo the wrongs of the Federal army who was ignorant of the law, blindly put himself under the direction of Kellogg, whose authority to interfere is "debatable," and doubtless untenable, and a Legislature was upset and dispersed by that illegal interference, what is the proper method of redress?

If the Federal army had not exceeded their authority the organization under Speaker Wiltz would have been maintained and the House have remained in control of the conservatives. Whether that state of things ought to be restored or some other method of redress should be adopted, is a question which we submit to public consideration, not caring to discuss it or assume any position on it at this stage of the controversy.

It is admitted that the army had no right to interfere, it would seem to follow that things should be restored to the state in which they existed at the time of the interference. But it may be maintained, on the other hand, that the army has no more right to intervene to redress its wrongs than it originally had to interfere to commit them.—*New York Herald.*

Cuba.

From Havana we learn the important news that the insurgents are moving steadily westward. Spanish accounts admit that a force of a thousand men have forced their way across the *trocha* which was erected to confine the insurgents to the Ciego de Avila and Eastern departments and are not on the way to join the comrades in the Ciego Villas district. We are informed that they will be followed and annihilated, but as the Spaniards have been engaged killing the Cuban insurgents on paper—for the last six years, we may be pardoned if we do not accord implicit faith to the assurances of the authorities. It is evident that the Cubans are resolved to begin their long contemplated campaign against the sugar estates of the Western Department. We may expect news of burning plantations and wholesale destruction of property unless the Spaniards succeed in driving the insurgents once more across the *trocha* or completely dispersing them. It is to be regretted that the war for independence should involve the destruction of so much valuable property; but as the Spanish party did not hesitate to destroy the property of the Cubans, they have no right to complain of the retaliatory measures which may be adopted against them. If the insurgents succeed in passing through the Ciego Villas and falling on the rich plantations of the Western Department we may expect a renewal of the scenes of the St. Domingo revolt.—*N. Y. Herald.*

At Trevoix, in France, a farmer's boy killed two young owls in a nest near the house, and the owls watched around for several nights till on the fifth night an owl struck the same boy in the face and put one of his talons in the boy's left eye.

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